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Re: Patent Application for "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING  
ALLOSTERICALLY REGULATED RIBOZYMES"  
Our File: 119927-1030

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to an APTAZYMES FOR GENETIC  
REGULATORY CIRCUITS, Andrew Ellington, Michael P. Robertson and Kristin A. Marshall,  
inventors.

Specification (75 pages);  
Drawings (18 sheets); and  
Postcard (1).

This application claims priority from provisional patent application Serial No. 60/212,097,  
entitled "APTAZYMES FOR GENETIC REGULATORY CIRCUITS, by Andrew D.  
Ellington, et al., filed June 15, 2000.

Please assign this application a filing date pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53 and send the notice of  
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Sincerely,

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